

# Memphis CAS Session

April 18, 2002

## **1. Grade you would give TVA on it's overall mgmt of the TN River System?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. A	4
2. B	2
3. C	0
4. D	0
5. F	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

## **2. What TVA related issues are of special concern to you?**

Flood control - greatly appreciated! The TVA program to raise and lower water level of the river is helpful to repair retaining walls caused by the large yachts traveling too fast.

Navigation - Would love to see a reasonable way to keep large yachts from going so fast that their wave damages retaining walls, boat houses and docks in the yellow creek - Pickwick area

Power supply - excellent

Water Quality/Water Supply - large yachts should be better policed so they don't dump out their waste tanks while traveling as they do in the yellow creek area before docking at aqua yacht harbor. This will improve Pickwick-yellow creek water quality.

Recreation - would like to see some land in the Pickwick yellow creek area made available for 4 by 4 riding. the big majority of land tracks have posted no trespassing signs. TVA brings many jobs to the area through recreational resources, i.e., marinas, restaurants, etc.

Land Use - would like to see you work with the environmental protection agency to enforce Pickwick paper plant to comply with present pollution laws.

TVA is much appreciated! Great film, would like to buy a copy on VHS or DVD.

Although this is not a major issue unless one owns property used for recreation, it is important to do what can be done to keep the aquatic weeds under control. After one summer with weeds that reached the surface for 100 yds out from the shoreline, last summer the water level was kept quite high for the entire summer and the weed problem was minimal. Restrictions on shoreline development, such as are now in place, make the lake a more natural and satisfactory recreational area.

In my opinion, the current operating plan is working. Any changes in the current operation will impact the balance of the system. Additionally, any changes must be weighed against impacts on the rest of the inland waterway system of the United States. The flows impact the economy of the nation and many citizens outside of the Tennessee Valley.

Clean water free of discharge from large yachts, clean air free of pollution as currently is a problem from the Pickwick Paper Plant. They are not complying with present environmental protection guidelines.

Safe use of drinking water- Cheap energy

Flood control, hydroelectricity

Recreation and water supply

Power supply and recreation

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 8

### ***3. Why are these issues of special concern to you?***

We have owned a cabin on Pickwick since 1964, and our entire family regards it as heaven on earth, I represent an inland river port on the Lower Mississippi River that partly depends on the flows from not only the Upper Mississippi River but the flows of the Missouri River (also being studied to change the current operating plan) as well as the Tennessee River. Again, I say, the impacts of any change affect many people and businesses and the ecosystem outside of the Tennessee Valley. The governors of 10 states are currently opposing the alternatives to the Missouri River Master Water Control Manual. Has the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division commented on the survey or study?

I am a father of 2 boys and have a home on Pickwick lake. I have been a property owner there for 30 years, and would like to see the Tennessee River free of pollution. From my dock I can see large yachts empty their waste tanks while returning from a cruise on the way back to dock at Aqua Yacht Harbor. Also, on many days the air is full of a terrible smell from the exhaust from the Pickwick Paper Plant. President George Bush passed the clean air law, but the paper plant seems to get by, polluting the air.

My experience in other countries has given me an appreciation for the importance of clean plentiful drinking water

The Mid-South region is very prone to flooding and by TVA providing that service, it ensures that the area has adequate help during those times.

Because we have a vacation home, close to a new marina where we are afraid there is an increased risk of pollution.

Power supply is important to the local economy. I enjoy recreation at Pickwick.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### ***4. How could TVA improve its management of the TN River system?***

I really am not qualified to answer that. I do know that when the aquatic weed problem arose, TVA personnel were responsive and extremely helpful.

By first conclusively determining that changes need to be made.

Work with the Coast Guard to promote safe boating, and minimize damage to property. Work with the EPA to enforce clean air.

I don't know enough to say

TVA could improve by trying to help counties manage growth in undeveloped areas & greater input on land use & conservation.

Control development

I'm not sure.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### ***5. What alternatives should TVA consider in managing the system?***

Again, I'm not qualified to make suggestions.

A balanced approach to all the benefits considered. These decisions should not be heavily impacted by any one benefit. The original purpose of the creation of the system should be considered. Is the current operation accomplishing the original goal?

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Maybe experiment some with wind power - in addition to gas powered plants-stay away from coal fired plants and nuclear

TVA is greatly considered the benchmark to a number of corporations. I don't know of any major overhauls that could benefit the company.

Reducing commercial growth on lakeshore

I think the topics listed in the study cover the major areas.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### ***6. What quality of life issues need to be addressed in your area or town?***

Prevention of overcrowding and cutting trees and brush which is then dumped in the lake are of concern to us.

The long term benefits to the citizens of the nation as a whole, not just those that live and work along the banks of the Tennessee River itself. I believe that I am correct in saying that a large percentage of the users of power generated by TVA is consumed in the Memphis area. Changes on the main system probably wouldn't change that. However, the low summer flows of water could significantly impact the navigation on the lower Mississippi Valley, impacting the economic conditions of Memphis and restrict the delivery of coal to the T. H. Allen Steam plant in Memphis.

Air/water pollution

Protect the ground water- and top soil

Fast paced development could lead to a strain on public utilities.

Shoreline management and recreation.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 6

**7. What do you value most about the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?**

The recreational aspects are important to us, though not the most important overall. We value the naturalness of the area.

Its flood control and navigation benefits as well as recreation and power supply.

Fabulous recreation area, where families can enjoy boating and reservoir living

Power and drinking water

Low cost utility service & flood control.

Low electricity rates and a beautiful recreational area

Low cost power and recreation at Pickwick.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**8. What do you see as threats to the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?**

Developers, industry, pollution.

People with single minded interests. Not giving consideration to the overall benefits and impacts of the system.

Keep the pulp and paper plants away from the water area.

Farm run-off & over regulation

Increased need for utility supply in undeveloped areas & fast paced growth in those areas.

Uncontrolled development

Overdevelopment

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**9. What do you like about how TVA manages the TN River system & reservoirs?**

I think they do an excellent job of balancing the various aspects of their mission.

The balanced approach that has been applied in the past. The approach of the system as a national resource and for just a few.

I like the way the TVA lowers the water level in the fall so I can repair my dock, boathouse and retaining wall from damage caused by large wakes.

Quality management of recreation areas

The integrated dam system

Providing public information

Managed development, high water quality easy recreation access.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**10. Which public benefit do you believe is TVA's highest mgmt. priority?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Electricity Production	2
2. Flood Control	2
3. Water Supply	2
4. Protecting the Natural Environment	1
5. Providing Recreation	0
6. Commercial Navigation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**11. What public benefits are NOT on the list above, but should be?**

You left out the commercial navigation. The six public benefits listed cover the possibilities quite well.

Navigation and flood control should really be seen as a mutual benefit. Water quality was not shown, and the environment is too broad to sufficiently be considered as a single item.

Access to TVA owned land for recreation of 4x4 vehicles

None I can think of

Land Use

None

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 6

**12. Which public benefit SHOULD BE the highest mgmt. priority for TVA?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Electricity Production	3
2. Flood Control	2
3. Protecting the Natural Environment	1
4. Water Supply	1
5. Providing Recreation	0
6. Commercial Navigation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**13. Which public benefit should be the SECOND HIGHEST mgmt. priority?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Protecting the Natural Environment	2

2. Electricity Production	2
3. Water Supply	2
4. Providing Recreation	1
5. Flood Control	0
6. Commercial Navigation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**14. Which public benefit should be the LOWEST mgmt. priority?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Providing Recreation	3
2. Electricity Production	1
3. Flood Control	1
4. Water Supply	1
5. Commercial Navigation	1
6. Protecting the Natural Environment	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**15. Likelihood that population in your area will grow considerably?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	4
2. Very Likely	3
3. Neutral	0
4. Somewhat Unlikely	0
5. Very Unlikely	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**16. Desirability of population in your area growing considerably?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Desirable	2
2. Undesirable	2
3. Very Desirable	1
4. Neutral	1
5. Very Undesirable	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**17. Likelihood that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Likely	2
2. Very Unlikely	2

3. Somewhat Likely	1
4. Neutral	1
5. Somewhat Unlikely	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**18. Desirability that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Desirable	3
2. Neutral	3
3. Very Desirable	1
4. Undesirable	0
5. Very Undesirable	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**19. What is the likelihood that your area will have more jobs?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	3
2. Very Likely	2
3. Neutral	1
4. Somewhat Unlikely	1
5. Very Unlikely	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**20. What is the desirability of your area having more jobs?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	4
2. Desirable	2
3. Undesirable	1
4. Neutral	0
5. Very Undesirable	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**21. Likelihood there will be stronger regulations to protect the environment?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	4
2. Very Likely	2
3. Somewhat Unlikely	1

4. Neutral	0
5. Very Unlikely	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**22. Desirability of stronger regulations to protect the environment?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	3
2. Desirable	3
3. Neutral	1
4. Undesirable	0
5. Very Undesirable	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**23. Pick 6 items that represent the MOST important value of the TVA system?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Clean Water	6
2. Affordable Electricity	6
3. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	4
4. Water-based Recreation	4
5. Flood Control	3
6. Economic Development	3
7. Drinking Water Supply	3
8. Dam Safety	2
9. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	2
10. Planning for Future Growth	2
11. Shoreline Erosion Control	2
12. Scenic Beauty	2
13. Environmental Research	1
14. Campgrounds and Green Space	1
15. Public Land Conservation	1
16. Protection of Historical Artifacts	0
17. Shoreland Development	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**24. Pick 6 items that represent the LEAST important value of the TVA system?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Shoreland Development	5
2. Economic Development	4
3. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	4
4. Environmental Research	4
5. Campgrounds and Green Space	4



6. Protection of Historical Artifacts	4
7. Water-based Recreation	3
8. Scenic Beauty	3
9. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	2
10. Public Land Conservation	2
11. Drinking Water Supply	1
12. Planning for Future Growth	1
13. Shoreline Erosion Control	1
14. Clean Water	0
15. Dam Safety	0
16. Flood Control	0
17. Affordable Electricity	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

***25. Which is more important to you-Recreation or Protecting the Environment?***

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Protecting the Natural Environment	4
2. Recreation	3

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

***25. Generation Of Electric Energy Or Protecting The Natural Environment?***

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Generation of Electric Energy	5
2. Protecting the Natural Environment	2

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

***27. Flood Control Or Protecting The Natural Environment?***

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Flood Control	4
2. Protecting the Natural Environment	3

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

***28. Water Supply Or Protecting The Natural Environment?***

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Water Supply	4
2. Protecting the Natural Environment	3

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### ***29. Commercial Navigation Or Protecting The Natural Environment?***

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Protecting the Natural Environment	5
2. Commercial Navigation	2

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### ***30. Generation Of Electric Energy Or Recreation?***

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Generation of Electric Energy	4
2. Recreation	3

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### ***31. Flood Control Or Recreation?***

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Flood Control	5
2. Recreation	2

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### ***32. Water Supply Or Recreation?***

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Water Supply	6
2. Recreation	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### ***33. Commercial Navigation Or Recreation?***

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Recreation	5
2. Commercial Navigation	2

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### ***34. Flood Control Or Generation Of Electric Energy?***

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
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1. Generation of Electric Energy	4
2. Flood Control	3

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### **35. Water Supply Or Generation Of Electric Energy?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Water Supply	6
2. Generation of Electric Energy	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### **36. Commercial Navigation Or Generation Of Electric Energy?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Generation of Electric Energy	7
2. Commercial Navigation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### **37. Water Supply Or Flood Control?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Water Supply	4
2. Flood Control	3

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### **38. Navigation Or Flood Control?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Flood Control	6
2. Commercial Navigation	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

### **39. Water Supply Or Commercial Navigation?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Water Supply	6
2. Commercial Navigation	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**40. Please enter the county or counties each of you live in.**

Shelby  
Hardin

Shelby  
Shelby County, TN

Tishamingo, County MS

Shelby  
Shelby County, Tennessee

Shelby, vacation in Hardin

Shelby  
Hardin

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**41. Please list your ZIP CODE(S) (you do not have to enter your addresses)**

38120  
3838139 - 38106

38111

Do not know Tishomingo County Zip Code

34112  
38103

38016, can't remember the zip code in Counce, TN

Shelby 38016  
Hardin ? Counce, yellow creek area

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

**42. Which State(s) do you (or each of you) live in?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Tennessee	7
2. Mississippi	1
3. Alabama	0
4. Georgia	0
5. Kentucky	0
6. North Carolina	0
7. Virginia	0
8. Other	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

***43. I believe TVA will consider my input in this planning process?***

True: 100%

False: 0%

Number of Responses Counted (n) :